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## In Memoriam

### How Do We Count the Ways?

By Jeff Bass

Students feelings on Dr. Paul LeMaire:

To me, Dr. Paul LeMaire was "Mr. Sunshine." He was always smiling, always cheerful. He was a tough Ethics teacher but a good one, and he was willing to talk to his students on an equal level. I saw him everyday in the nursing building, and he was always a pleasant addition to my day. Avila and the world have lost a fine man. We will miss him.

Nancy Clark

Dr. Paul LeMaire was a noble and honest man. I had Dr. LeMaire for Ethics this semester. I remember when I did not do so well on his first exam. I went to his office to discuss the problem. When I walked in he treated me with respect by helping take off my coat and pulling out a chair. After we discussed my problem with the exam, we talked about strategies for doing well on his second exam. I received an excellent grade on the second exam, thanks to Dr. LeMaire's help and encouragement.

The last time I saw Dr. LeMaire was Friday afternoon before spring break. We were both laughing and talking about different issues. Dr. LeMaire was a good man, professor and friend.

Charlene Patterson

Dr. LeMaire was more than an instructor here at Avila. When I enrolled in his Ethics class and bought his book I was intimidated, to say the least. Dr. LeMaire was not only an intelligent man but also very open-minded, allowing and encouraging a forum of opinions in his class. He gave us all an opportunity.

Linda Moon

I had Dr. LeMaire for Intro. to Philosophy and Ethics. I have learned more about myself from these two classes than I thought possible. Dr. LeMaire showed me the way to reach my inner self. I now understand that wisdom is understanding and understanding is everything. Carpe diem!

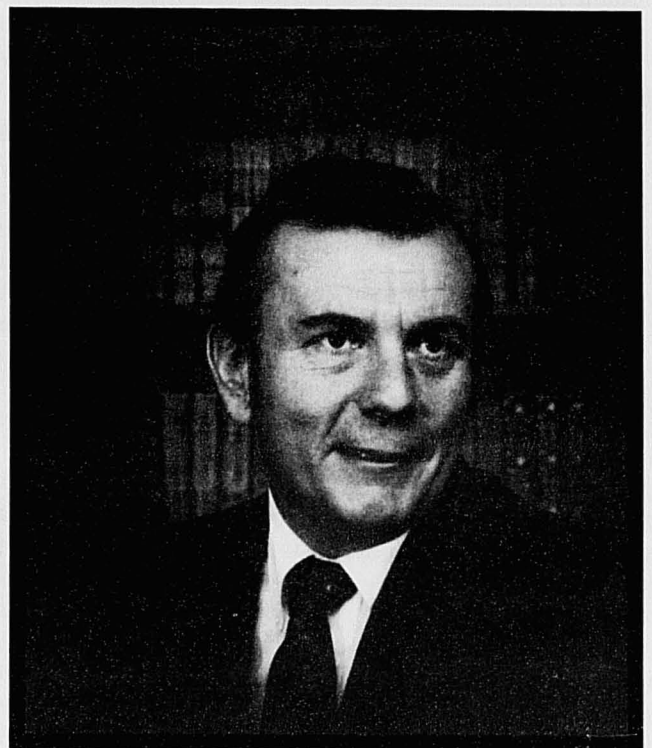
Kelly Williams

By Stella Steele

On Tuesday, March 17, the Avila community gathered in the Orscheln Memorial Chapel to celebrate the life of Dr. H. Paul LeMaire. LeMaire was a professor in the philosophy and religious studies department, and had served in this capacity since 1973.

As his friends, colleagues, and students came forward to share their memories of LeMaire, it became evident that he was a man of multi-faceted talents. Some spoke of his years as an ordained Jesuit priest. He served in this capacity from 1963 to 1973, and then resigned from active ministry. Paul was an author. He wrote two books: *Marrying Takes a Lifetime* and an ethics textbook, *Personal Decisions*. Both of these texts were used in the classroom where he was known for presenting the information in an open and exciting fashion. It was not just the professional man that was spoken of, however, as a smile touched most lips when it was mentioned that he was an amateur auto mechanic as well.

As those who knew him spoke of their memories of Paul, it soon became clear that what they remembered most was not the admired and beloved professor, or the priest, or the author, but the man. In one accord they bestowed on him the highest honor man can give to man: he was a great human being. Well done, Paul, well done!



Dr. Paul LeMaire Photo courtesy of Mrs. Donna LeMaire

## Women's How To Program

By Linda Moon

There is a bustle of action in the Whitfield Conference Centre. As you walk in the Continuing Education Office you'll find tables of notebooks in the process of being filled with information and new resources, a phone ringing steadily, and Barbara Engel in the center of it all. Engel is the coordinator of special programs in Continuing Education at Avila. She has two exciting and unique programs she is organizing for the next session: The Women's Leadership Institute and The Women's Entrepreneur Program. The programs are an on-going cooperative venture that have been very successful. Both programs go beyond the campus setting and stale business/management methods courses by reaching out into the community and bringing in real world expertise. These experts provide the mentor, network and support system that is a vital part of this curriculum and business society today. Combining education, leadership and organization skills, with personal issues and issues that affect today's women in business.

The Women's Leadership Institute was established in 1978 to identify and explore the ways that women leaders can make an impact in their community. Realizing there was, and still is, a lack of women in leadership positions in gov-

ernment, education and business, it's designed for women seeking leadership and personal skills confidence. This program received the 1991 Award of Distinction from the Missouri Council on Women's Economic Development and Training. Two of graduates received Career Women of the Year awards. Bringing representatives of varying backgrounds together to combine resources and support one another has proved to be a successful plan.

The Women's Entrepreneur Program is a how-to program that focuses on skills needed by new women business owners and those seeking to change their employee position for an ownership position. It is sponsored by the Small Business Administration which also recognizes women entrepreneurs to be a fast-growing sector of society. The purpose is to help increase the success rate of these new businesses by instruction, education and giving women the informal support system needed to continue and achieve their goals.

There is a warehouse of information being compiled and acquired in the Continuing Education Department. If you are a woman who wants to put yourself among the leaders here in Kansas City, contact Barbara Engel for more information at 942-8400 ext. 280/281.

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### Have You Paid Your Rent?

By Linda Porter

Mayor Emanuel Cleaver, of Kansas City, Missouri, once said, "Volunteering is like paying rent to live on this earth. And we all owe a certain amount of rent." When you volunteer, everybody wins.

Through volunteerism you can gain valuable insight about yourself, build confidence and gain skills. Some volunteer opportunities relate directly to career experience, others provide services to those who need them, which is rewarding in and of itself.

The Service Learning Office, located in the Student Resource Centre in lower Blasco, has a variety of volunteer opportunities available for Avila students. These community

activities range from working for the Salvation Army and Jackson County Parks and Recreation to Heart of America Family Services. Placements are available in publicity, art therapy, computer programming, health care, education and many other areas.

Volunteer agencies have flexible hours and are willing to work around a student's busy schedule, in many cases requiring only a few hours per month.

To find out more details about volunteering, contact Carol Priesendorf, Coordinator of Service Learning, at 942-8400, ext. 266.

Carol's job is to match student volunteers with the opportunity that best suits their particular interests.



## Letters To The Editor

### Let the Sunshine In

What is history without Black America? A "bleached box of crackers salted like the Pacific." Where does the Black American fit in? Blacks aided in elevating this country and, thus, gave it proper seasoning to satisfy the taste of America.

The question is, how can America successfully try to

educate Black America? By using "Jungle Fever" as an excuse for saying "here's your freedom, integration, and education. No! By the "Welfare System." No! By staging a "War On Drugs." No!

This can only be done when the "sunshine" of Black History that has been suppressed is uncovered by

the "cloud of lies." By taking this step toward better education, a better America, the Black American, can form an identity and have a grasp on life.

Is this something Avila wants? Or, is the fear of an educated Black American still "hung on a rope of uncertainty." Avila you decide.

Vivian Grover

### Chance of a Lifetime

Nine months, two semesters, then GRADUATION. Easy as pie... or so I thought. The conversation on muggy August morning last summer went something like this:

"All they can say is no, Darrah. Just try it."

"Yeah, but TBS, and CNN are NATIONAL news stations. I just don't know... do you think they'd really take someone from a tiny college, and an even tinier hometown?"

"There is only one way to find out, Darrah."

That was only the beginning. Three weeks of debating over styles, formats, words, and a resume in general, two weeks of trying to get the resume, letters of recommendation, college transcript and application forms together, then two months of waiting... that incredulous waiting. TBS got a call from Kansas City about every third day. I had almost given up hope. Then the call came. A twenty-minute interview and a request from the Vice President of the Turner Broadcasting Systems to be in Atlanta, Georgia, by January 14, ready to work. It was the chance of a lifetime.

After I packed everything I could fit in my Buick, my fiancée, my everlasting stuffed bunny, and I were off to Atlanta, a city I had never seen, in a culture I knew nothing about. Two days later we arrived. It was cold and rainy and I already hated it. Who did I think I

was, coming to one of the biggest cities in the country to follow a dream? Four days later I put my fiancée on a plane back to Kansas City. For the first time in my life I had no confidence in myself or my abilities to succeed in the world of TV. The colors of the dream seemed to fade slightly.

The next week I started working fourteen hours a day. Eight at TBS and the next six at AT&T. Internships mean free labor. I was learning to pay my dues. Every once in a while I had to ask myself if it was all really worth it. Sometimes I had to ask three or four times an hour. These people don't play. Everything is vital and everything has a deadline of yesterday. Producers and directors don't think twice of standing in the middle of the Headline News room and telling you you're an idiot at the top of their lungs. Real news is hard and fast, and CNN never lets you forget it.

As the weeks progressed things seemed to get easier and harder all at the same time. The city was becoming more familiar and I was really enjoying being in a place where things happen twenty-four hours a day. On the other hand, the producers I worked with were expecting more and more, faster and faster. I learned quickly the difference between college and real world; if you turn a paper in late in college, they cut your grade, turn anything in late

at TBS or CNN, they cut your job. Fast.

Everything is falling into place now. People respect me and the work I do. I dabble in a little bit of everything. I've created and am producing two thirty-second PSA's that will air nationally on TBS. The first is for Planned Parenthood, and the second is for Children of Alcoholic Parents. I put together and produce various news packages for the news show "Between The Lines" and help assist in its production. I would go on, but the duties of an intern seem to be endless in this place.

My family and friends are very far away and these people could really care less whether I sink or swim. That's how it's going to be though. To follow goals and dreams you have to pay your dues and take the good with the bad. Two interns have given up in the month and a half I have been here. It makes me wonder what it really takes to succeed... and if I have it. I get up every morning wondering what the heck I'm doing so far from everything I know and everyone I love? I go to bed every night knowing my life-long dream is just at the end of my finger tips... and I'll be darned if I quit reaching now.

I cannot end this story because it is just beginning. I can only give words, not of wisdom, but experience.

"Reach for your dreams, you'll be amazed at the heights you can obtain."

Editors Note: Darrah Mc Henry is a senior Communication Major, with an emphasis in Electronic Media.

## Editorial



Sign of the Times?

Photo by B. Alexander

### No Parking Zone

By Dennis Hallblade

Have you noticed we have some lazy students at Avila? It's real evident when you see the cars parked in the no-parking zones along the parking lot. Not only are these people lazy, but they are thoughtless as well. It would only take an extra minute or two to find a space that is in the parking lot. When students park along the driveways, they make it difficult and dangerous to get out of the parking lot. I've personally come close to hitting these cars, and others that you can't see coming the other way. My guess is that these people are park-

ing here because they are late to class. If you are late to class, a few more minutes finding a parking space is not going to kill you. Instead of writing tickets, which isn't always done, maybe the school should have these idiots towed. They may think twice the next time they park their car there. Hopefully, all you people need is a reminder that your parking in the driveways is making it harder on your fellow students. No, this isn't a life crisis, but this could all be avoided if you would think about others before you think about yourselves.

### Psi Chi Induction

By John Lyon

On March 29, the Psi Chi Honor Society assembled at Costello's Greenhouse Restaurant to induct fifteen new members. The ceremony marks the chapter's second annual dinner.

The guest speaker was Dr. Bernard Lupin, Ph.D., the president-elect of the National Honor Society of Psychology. Dr. Lupin is a professor at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Board members in attendance were Denice Park, president; Ed McInnes,

vice-president; Lana Fleischman, Treasurer; Martha Comment, member-at-large; and Dr. Frank Yeatman, advisor.

During the ceremony, the inductees affirmed the mission statement of the Honor Society: encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advance in the area of psychology. Each inductee is required to have a minimum of eight credit hours in psychology, a grade point average of 3.0, and listed in the top 35 per cent of their class.

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### Student Government Happenings

By Kevin Lowder

On Wednesday, February 26, guest speaker Judge Anthony Nugent spoke on the JFK assassination. The talk was held from 5-6:30 pm in the snack bar of Marian Center.

This was just one of the events that the student government has planned for

the semester. President Bret Reinert says that the student government held a "Seat Belt Awareness Week" the first week of March. It attempted to encourage at least 70% of the campus to wear seatbelts during this time.

There are meetingsevery

Wednesday from 5-6 pm that are open to all. Discussed are current event policies, operational budget, and the school's budgeting process. The student government encourages all to come as well as participate because they are here for the students.



## Reward for Painting

By Jane Malone

Dr. William Louis, long-time teacher and now artist-in-residence at Avila, seems to be an unfortunate victim of fate. Last semester, he had a newly stretched canvas stolen from his cubicle in the Art Department. That canvas was to portray his optical design entitled "The Feminine Principle." However, Louis replaced the canvas and continued his work. Unfortunately, during the week of February 24, and after months of strenuous la-

bor, Louis' finished design was also stolen from the Art Department. Although Louis is glad someone liked it enough to steal it, he is experiencing a great sense of loss. He even offered an initial reward of \$100 for information leading to the recovery of the work, and thanks to the generosity of a former student, the reward has been increased to \$200. "I just want my painting back," said Louis. The design for the painting was taken from an

exercise Louis did in his Design II class three years ago. "The exercise was to experiment with various feminine colors. The piece was dramatic, eye catching and very pretty," said Louis. The painting was to serve as the centerpiece for Dr. Louis' show in Souix City, Iowa, on March 27- 28. If anyone has information leading to the whereabouts of Louis' painting, please contact him at ext. 226 or the Art Department at ext.259.

## New Tapes in Use in Spanish Department

By Mike Maupin

There is something new happening this year in the Spanish Department. Students are using audio tapes to learn the Spanish language. Three workbooks called The Learnables are used in this course. The first book consists of just pictures. The student follows along

with this book while listening to the tapes. The second book has both pictures and sentences. The audio tapes allow the student to match the pictures with the correct word or sentence. The third book is used for Spanish II, but with the students' progress this book

may be put to use this semester.

"These audio tapes are allowing the students to understand the language better," said Jeff Doherty, currently a Spanish student. The audio tapes are located in the library for easy access. These audio tapes allow students to learn the Spanish language through an all new format.

## Spring Break in Chicago

Avila College, Northwest Missouri State University, and Rockhurst College students spent spring break in Chicago volunteering at either St. Martin DePorres, a homeless shelter for women and children, St. Catherine's shelter for homeless with AIDS, or at Esperanza, a school for mentally and physically disabled young people. The eight college students who participated in the service project were assigned to one of the three work sites for the week.

Father Mario, Director of

Campus Ministry at Avila College, Mike Maher, Director of Ministry at Northwest Missouri State University, and Lisa Wagner, an actress from the Chicago area, were the organizers of the service week. Maher commented that Chicago has a lot of service opportunities. Therefore, it was a good place for students to volunteer. Additionally, Father Mario thought volunteering at these inner city institutions would help students understand what it is like to be hungry, homeless, mentally and

physically disabled or terminally ill. Through this help experience, students would see dedicated, loving, and patient staff members and volunteers helping the disadvantaged.

Lisa Wagner, an actress and a staff person at St. Catherine of Genoa Catholic Worker House, was the Chicago contact person. She helped provide room and board for the students at Esperanza. In addition, she organized a special dinner for the students at St. Catherine's.

Claudia Brown, a freshman at Avila, volunteered

## Sullivan Visits Caribbean

By Deborah Dexheimer

During spring break Dr. Larry Sullivan was invited to St. George's Medical School, in the Caribbean on the island of Grenada, along with 11 other Pre-Med advisors from around the United States. There he was able to observe firsthand the medical school as well as meet faculty and deans.

Studying in the Caribbean has its drawbacks for American students. There may be little, if any running water, power outages, limited television, no fast food and no night spots to hang out at. Students form groups and hire local cooks to prepare their meals, with no private rooms. The medical school is arranged on two campus that can take 45 minutes, on a small

bus, to commute between. Sullivan feels that the visit to a foreign medical school can help him better advise Pre-Med students. He says that St. George's has a good curriculum and the faculty is student oriented. While St. George's is one of four top foreign medical schools, Sullivan strongly recommends going to an American medical school. He says attending a foreign medical school may be an alternative for those who can not get into American medical schools and still want to be doctors.

## K C Metro Health Fair '92

By Kori Bailey

On April 9 in Whitfield Centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the senior nursing students of Avila College will be sponsoring the Kansas City Metro Health Fair. This is just one site of eighteen being represented in the KC Metro Health Fair.

The Health fair will have a range of educational booths on arthritis, stress management, sexual assault, diabetes, breast examinations and the heart.

Everyone attending the Health Fair will have a chance to test for high cholesterol, blood pressure, hearing, glaucoma, oral cancer, and much more. There will be a health counseling summary table at the end. Avila College will provide child care and entertainment, and there will be vendors with food.

at Esperanza. She worked with the kindergarten and the senior high school students. Brown expressed her feelings on the week. "I learned that the mentally and physically disabled need more help than I thought, but you have to let them do as much as they can."

Other students had similar reasons for participating in the service project.

Father Mario's comment on the week of service summarized everyone's experience. "It helped me to understand and see the brokenness of Christ in humanity."

This article courtesy of Fr. Mario and Michelle Smith, a Rockhurst student.

## Cruise Time

By Dennis Hallblade

The Avila Spring formal is almost upon us. This year's formal will occur on April 4, on the Missouri River Queen. Boarding begins at 8:30 p.m., but be sure to get there early because the boat leaves at 9 p.m. The cruise will last for about three hours. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Formal dress is required. For those of age, there will be a cash bar, so make sure and bring your i.d. Appetizers will be available, with a variety of finger foods and snacks. The last day to purchase tickets is April 3 at 5 p.m. The deejay for this

year's cruise will be Roger Carson from Q-104. For the first 180 people there will be free complimentary glasses commemorating this year's event.

Directions are as follows: take 435 to 69 North, then North to I-35 North, then I-35 North to I-70 West, take your first exit which is 423D( Fairfax District), go about a half a mile and turn right into the first drive, go straight to the riverboat sign, turn right and follow the road to the dock.

For more information, contact Jeff Fox in Marian Centre.

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# End of an Era

By Chris Pickett

The double overtime loss to Missouri Valley on March 2 marked the final basketball game for Avila's four seniors; Dennis Hallblade, Randy Johnson, Chris Pickett, and Brian Strauss. The loss signaled the end of an era in which the Eagles went from one of the worst teams in District 16 to one of the most feared. Hallblade finished the season as the team's leading scorer (17.9 ppg.), and leading rebounder (7.4 rpg.). Johnson was second on

the team in scoring (12.4 ppg.), first in assists (6.3 apg.), and second in 3-pt. percentage (45%). Pickett finished third in scoring (10.4 ppg.), first in 3-pt. percentage (46%), and first in free-throw percentage (82%). Strauss finished fifth in scoring (8.3 ppg.), third in rebounding (6.0 rpg.), and second in field goal percentage (58%). Hallblade was recently named to the All-District 16 First-Team, while Johnson

and Pickett were given Honorable Mention honors.

All four of the seniors plan to pursue their respective degrees after the season. Hallblade, Pickett, and Strauss plan to study at Avila, while Johnson plans to finish up at the University of Iowa.

"I felt that the seniors made us play hard. They brought the best out of me," said junior forward, Kevin Lowder. "They gave me the inspiration to work harder for my senior year," he added.

## Men's Baseball Team Off To Good Start

By Keith Harris

The Avila College men's baseball team is off to the best start in the school's history. The Eagles are above .500, and their season can only get better.

"We are playing really well at this point, but we understand that there are a lot of games left on our schedule. We just have to do the things that we have been doing and correct a few things, and then we will be the team to look out for in the district," said pitcher Todd Johnson.

Avila started the season by

splitting games with Central Methodist.

Shane Newbrough hit Avila's first homerun of the season as he blasted a shot that cleared the right-field fence. Newbrough picked up Avila's first victory as he pitched his way enroute to a 3-1 victory.

Since then, Avila has been relying heavily on three lefties, Scott Duffen, Jerry Rhubart, and Dave Leibnitz. Leibnitz leads all pitchers with an ERA of 1.93.

At the plate, the best hit-

ter is Jay Arndt who is leading the team with a .529 batting average. Larry "Fatball" Squires is next with a .417 average, followed by Gary Minnich (.395), Ray Gilner (.380), Gary Haarman (.377), and Shane Newbrough (.320). Haarman leads the team with 11 stolen bases.

"Once we get deeper into the season and realize what it takes to be a top team in the district, we are going to be dangerous," said catcher Jered Steen.

## Baseball Team Makes History

By Jim Huber

The Avila baseball team was able to make some history during the spring break. The team became the first athletic team in the spring to take a major trip. The baseball team's dream of travelling down to the sunshine of Texas and Louisiana came true with hard work and quality time given up to raise money. The Eagles baseball team owes a special thanks to the people for their extraordinary kindness that allowed the team to make the trip.

The Eagles began their play by stopping in Okla-

homa City to play Mid-America Bible. The Eagles took two games on the strong pitching of Scott Duffen and Jerry Rhubart. It was the first time Avila baseball has been over .500 in its history, raising the teams record to 6-5.

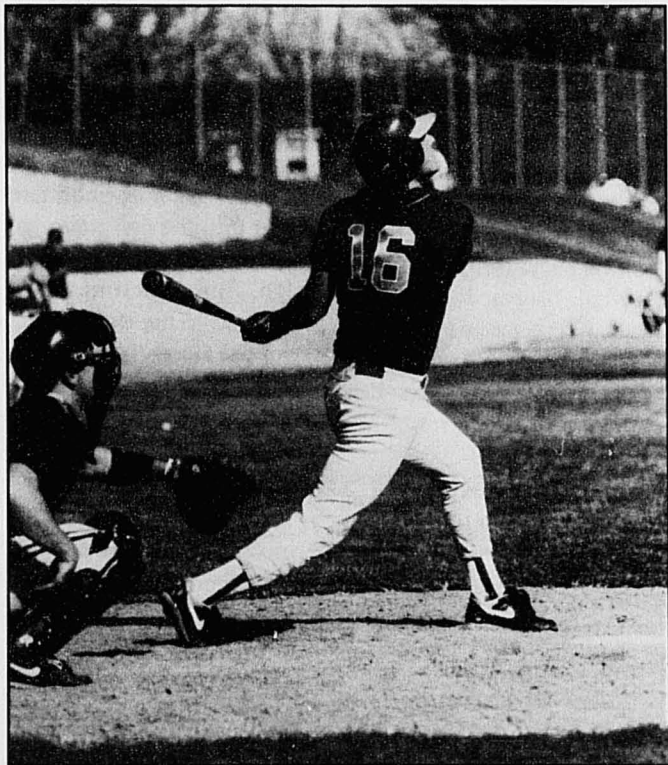
Avila next travelled to Denton, Texas, where they faced Northwood College. Northwood is an NCAA Division II team that is usually ranked in the top 10. Northwood was just a little too strong, beating Avila 5-1. Chris Boyles pitched well in the loss.

Avila then went to Tyler, Texas, where they won 2 games and lost 2 games. They were able to beat Jarvis College 12-5 and Texas College 5-4. They were beaten by Upper Iowa 3-2 and Texas College 4-1. Dave Leibnitz pitched well in beating Jarvis and Jim Huber picked up the win against Texas College. Todd Johnson and Shane Newbrough both pitched well, but came up short.

Shreveport, LA., was the final stop on the Eagles schedule. The first day the Eagles faced Baptist Christian College who they split with winning 4-1 and losing 3-1. Scott Duffen received the win and Jerry Rhubart took the loss. The Eagles finished the trip up by defeating L.S.U. Shreveport 5-4. Chris Boyles was the winning pitcher and Todd Johnson picked up the save.

This victory brought the Eagles season record to 10-9.

At this point in the season team leaders are as follows: Jay Arndt is leading the team with a .529 batting average. Other leaders are Larry Squires .417, Gary Minnich .395, Ray Gilner .380, Shane Newbrough .320, and Gary Harmon with a .377 avg. and 11 stolen bases. Dave Leibnitz leads the pitching staff with a 1.93 ERA.



Men's Baseball Team in Action

By B Alexander

## First Trophy in Four Years

by Robin Alms

The softball team took 3rd place in the William Woods tournament, beating Westminster 8-5, to take a trophy home with them. It has been four years since our Lady Eagles won a trophy. They also beat William Woods 11-10 for the first time in four years. A tough loss in the tournament

came when they played William Penn College out of Iowa 6-5. Even though Avila out-hit William Penn 13 to 4, they just could not put enough runs over the plate.

Jennifer Hale and Holly Shelby were selected to the All Tournament team, and Holly Shelby was picked MVP of the Eagles team.

## Men's Basketball Update

By Chris Pickett

The Eagles, for the first time in six years, had the opportunity to finish the season above the .500 mark and participate in the District 16 playoffs. The only obstacle in Avila's path was the Baker Wildcats.

After a sluggish start, the Eagles pulled away to record the victory, and solidify a 16-15 record for the 1991-92 season. Randy Johnson led the charge with 25 points. The win insured the Eagles a spot in the playoffs where they hosted Central Methodist.

Avila trailed Central Meth-

odist at halftime, but they picked up their defensive intensity and prevailed with a 90-81 victory. Johnson was the leading scorer with 26 points. He was followed by Dennis Hallblade (19), Kevin Lowder (16), Chris Pickett (13), and Keith Harris (10).

The Eagles then traveled to Marshall, Missouri, to battle the Vikings of Missouri Valley. The double-overtime struggle resulted in a lost for Avila as Missouri Valley prevailed 75-70. Hallblade (19), Johnson (15), Brian Strauss (11), and Pickett (10) were the leading scorers.

## Player Profile

By Robin Alms

NAME: Holly Shelby

AGE: 19

YEAR IN SCHOOL : Sophomore

MAJOR: Business, Education

SPORT PLAYED: Softball

BROTHERS/SISTERS: 2 sisters and 1 brother

HOMETOWN: Overland Park

FAVORITE FOOD: Linguini

FAVORITE MOVIE: Airplane

FAVORITE PASTIME: Traveling

FAVORITE BOOK: Cain and Abel

LIKES ABOUT AVILA: People and facilities

IS THERE ANYTHING AVILA DOES NOT HAVE, THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE? She would like to see women's soccer along with a football team, but other than that she really enjoys Avila and its atmosphere.

**Graduation announcements are ready for pick up from the Bookstore.**

**Graduation caps and gowns should be ready for pickup from the Bookstore on April 20.**